

I. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 44, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The EGFR polymorphic dinucleotide repeat (CA repeat) of 78 patients to with metastatic colorectal cancer who previously had failed 5-FU based chemotherapy was assessed to determine their response and overall survival to 5-FU/oxaliplatin combination treatment. The number of CA repeats was determined by 5'-end labeled polymerase chain reaction using forward primer 5'- GTTTGAAGAATTTGAGCCAAAC-C 3' (~~SEQ ID NO. 1~~) (SEQ ID NO. 1) and reverse primer: 5'- TTCTTCTGCACACTTGGCAC 3' (~~SEQ ID NO. 2~~) (SEQ ID NO. 2). The reaction was incubated for 28 cycles with denaturation at 94 °C for 1 minute, annealing at 55 °C for 1 minute, and extension at 72 °C for 2 minutes. The reaction products were separated on 6% denaturing polyacrylamide DNA sequencing gels, vacuum blotted and exposed to Kodak XAR film overnight using well known procedures as described in Chi, D. D. *et al.* (1992) Human Molecular Genetics 1:135.

Please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing attached to this reply. Also attached is a computer readable form of the sequence listing and a statement by the preparer that the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing and the paper copy are identical.